THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no term in use on the Indian Railways as 'Satellite reservation system'

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of Udhampur-Baramulla rail line

2233. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN-SHARIQ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work will be started at the proposed rail line from Udhampur to Baramulla in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and the time approximately it will take to complete the project; and

(b) whether Government will consider the starting of the work at Udhampur, Qazigund and Baramulla simultaneously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The work has been started. The project is planned to be completed in 07 years, subject to availability of resources.

(b) The work has been started on the first phase between Udhampur and Katra. On the remaining section Final Location Survey has been taken up. Once the survey report becomes available, Govt. clearance for starting the work on the remaining length would be obtained and the work would thereafter be taken up on the remaining length between Katra and Baramulla via Qazigund and Srinagar. The work would be progressed simultaneously, as soon as the land is made available by the State Government.

पटना और रांची के बीच रेल सेवा में सुधार

2234. **श्री ज्ञान रंजन:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उन्होंने पटना और रांची के बीच रेल सेवा में सुधार करने के लिये कोई आश्वासन दिया था;

(ख) क्या इस पर कोई कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज) (क) से (ग) जी हां। पटना रांची गाड़ियों के देरी से चलने की शिकायत है। इन गाड़ियों की मानीटरिंग के कारण समय पालन में महत्वपूर्ण सुधार हुआ है।

Fixation of Reservation Quota In Trains

2235. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted for fixation of reservation quota for the passengers for various trains and for various railway stations;

(b) the basis on which the reservation quota is increased/decreased or abolished;

(c) the reasons for abolishing the reservation quota for Nimach and Chittorgarh in train Nos. 9615 and 9616 (Chetak Express);

(d) whether it is likely to be restored; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Reservation quota is allotted on the basis of demand pattern at the stations and the overall availability of accommodation in the trains. There is a system of periodical review of quotas undertaken twice in a year based on which suitable adjustments are made based on the utilisation figures.

(c) to (e) Consequent upon speeding up of 9615/9616 Chetak Express by 30 minutes and to provide connection with 9759/9760 Jaipur-Delhi Intercity Express, the Mhow-Delhi and Khandwa-Delhi slip coaches were withdrawn and the quota available at Neemuch and Chittaurgarh in these coaches were withdrawn. However, w.e.f. 15.7.96, a reservation quota of 18 sleeper class berths at Chittaurgarh by 9616 Udaipur-Delhi Chetak Express has already been allotted and a reservation quota of II sleeper class berths at Neemuch by this train is being allotted w.e.f. 4.4.97.